

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 15-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 are amended; previously withdrawn claims 9-14 are canceled; and claims 15-21 are added

On pages 3-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0096994 to Iwafuchi et al. (hereinafter "Iwafuchi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-8 are substantially rewritten by this Amendment. It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter added to claims 1-8 by amendment is not disclosed, taught or suggested by Iwafuchi.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1-8 as being anticipated by Iwafuchi be withdrawn.

New claims 15-21 are allowable for reasons similar to the reasons stated above regarding the rejected claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-8 and 15-21 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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